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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Vishal Sharma, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/998,523  
Filing Date: November 29, 2001  
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Art Unit: 2661  
Title: HIGH-SPEED PARALLEL CROSS BAR SWITCH

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this Application, please  
amend the Application as follows.